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SUBJECT: GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ARTS

1. MINCULT ACCEPTED THREE US CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE ARTS PROGRAM FOR TEN MONTH '76-77
ACADEMIC YEAR: NEAL LARRABEE FOR MOSCOW CONSERVATORY;
JANIS COFFMAN FOR GNESIN STATE MUSICAL PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW AND KARQN MORELL FOR THE VAGANOV SCHOOL IN LENINGRAD (SCHOOL CONNECTED TO KIROV BALLET).
ACCEPTANCE INCLUDES STANDARD DISCLAIMER THAT IT CONDITIONAL ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF TESTS AFTER ARRIVAL IN USSR, AS LAST YEAR.

2. IN SAME AIDE-MEMOIRE, WHICH MAY IMPLY THAT SOVIET ACCEPTANCE CONDITIONAL ON US ACCEPTANCE ITS NOMINEES,
MINCULT PROPOSED THREE SOVIET CANDIDATES TO EMBASSY:
MS. T. V. BUTROVA, GRADUATE STUDENT AT STATE INSTITUTE OF THEATER ART (GITIS) FOR THREE MONTHS OF US STUDY;
MR. YU. A. GRIKHANOV, ON STAFF OF LENIN LIBRARY FOR EIGHT TO TEN MONTHS OF U. S. STUDY; MR. E. R. SUKIASYAN, ON STAFF OF LENIN LIBRARY FOR EIGHT TO TEN MONTHS OF U.S. STUDY.

3. EMBASSY OFFICERS, IN VISIT TO MINCULT, BROUGHT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTENTION OF MINCULT OFFICIALS FOCUS ON PERFORMING ARTS

AS PROGRAM ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED. SUGGESTED THAT IF LIBRARIANS TO BE NOMINATED PERHAPS MINCULT WOULD WISH TO SUGGEST TO STATE A REDEFINITION OF PROGRAM. MINCULT OFFICIALS CONFIRMED INTEREST TO CONTINUE CURRENT PROGRAM. SAID THEY HAD NO DESIRE TO ALTER IT, AND INDICATED THEY WOULD RESTUDY NOMINATION OF LIBRARIANS FOR PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM.

4. EMBASSY CONSIDERS GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ARTS VALUABLE PROGRAM AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR SOVIET NOMINATION OF PERFORMING ARTISTS. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IMPACT OF US STUDENTS ON THEIR FELLOWS IN SOVIET PARTICIPATING INSTITUTES IS SUCH THAT PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE EVEN IN EVENT WE ARE UNABLE TO CHANGE CHARACTER OF MINCULT'S 76/77 NOMINEES.

5. EMBASSY HOWEVER CONVEYS THESE NAMES FYI AND NOT AS FORMAL NOMINATIONS AT THIS TIME. REQUESTING FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION AT MINCULT ASAP. MATLOCK

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